



Votes for Women!

INSTRUCTIONS

Many people worked together to *advocate* for women's right to vote. This means that they spoke up and fought for something that they believed in. How can you *advocate* for something you care about?

- 1. Share your opinion.** On December 15, 1873, people gathered at Faneuil Hall in Boston to discuss women's voting rights, or *woman's suffrage*. During the event, people who supported the right to vote for women (called *suffragists*) spoke out in support of their cause. This event was called the Women's Tea Party. What do you think you would have said at the Women's Tea Party? Do you think it is important for women to have the right to vote? Why or why not? Write your ideas down or share with a partner.
- 2. Making voices heard.** The suffragists felt so strongly about their cause that they held a public rally. A rally is when many people gather in one place to show support for a cause. Have you ever seen a rally? If so, what did that rally *advocate* for?
- 3. Choose your cause.** If you were asked to hold your own rally, what cause would you support? What is a cause that you feel strongly about? Why?

Time: 30 minutes - 1 hour +

Materials: Drawing supplies, tape or a safety pin, paper, scissors

- 4. Design a rally pin.** Many of the suffragists wore pins with slogans like "Votes for Women!" in order to show support for their cause of women's voting rights. If you were to wear a pin for your own rally, what would it look like? Think about what shape, color, size you want it to be. What do you want it to say? Draw your idea for a pin on a piece of paper.
- 5. Wear it with pride.** After designing your rally pin, cut it out and use tape or a safety pin to attach it to your shirt, jacket or backpack.
- 6. Share your cause.** Tell a friend or family member about your rally and explain your cause. Tell them a story about why it is important to you. Ask them if they would like to have a rally with you and make a pin of their own! You can also share your pin with us on social media using #FindYourParkAnywhere!
- 7. Color for suffrage.** After sharing your own cause, revisit the work of the suffragists. Learn more about how the suffragists raised support for their own cause by checking out [this coloring page](#).

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Before 1920, women did not have the right to vote. Because of more than 70 years of hard work by the *suffragists*, the 19th Amendment was made law in 1920, giving women the right to vote.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- Who are some people you know who **advocate** for something that they care about? Do you agree with them? Why or why not?
- **Rally pins** can be a great way to show support. What other ways can you show support for a cause that you care about?

